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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the final Office Action mailed on May 20, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application by substituting the claims set out below under the heading "Clean Copy of the Claims" for the pending claims. No fees are believed to be required in association with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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